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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

HAMAGUCHI ET AL. 

Examiner

Raquel Alvarez

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 July 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,8,9,14 and 15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,8 and 14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2,9 and 15 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to communication filed on 7/19/2004.
2. Claims 3-7, 10-13 and 16-19 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 2, 8, 9, 14 and 15 have been amended.
3. Claims 1-2, 8-9 and 14-15 are presented for examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

- (e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.
4. Claims 1, 8, 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Hunt et al. (6,496,855 hereinafter Hunt).

With respect to claims 1, 8 and 14, Hunt teaches means for receiving an item of personal information necessary for a member registration from a computer of a product or service provider if performing the member registration (col. 4, lines 60 to col. 5, line 1); means for extracting, from a storage device storing personal information for a customer in advance, personal information for the customer, which corresponds to said item of personal information received from said computer of said product or service provider, in response to receiving said item of said personal information necessary for the member registration, and for transmitting the extracted personal information to said computer of said product or service provider(col. 5, lines 1-34); means for receiving, from said computer of said product or service provider, member identification information as a result of the member registration, and for storing said member

identification information in the storage device storing the personal information for the customer in advance(i.e. the user uses the registration agent web site (RAS as an intermediary, therefore, the information received by service provider is received and sent to the RAS and stored at the RAS. On subsequent visits to the service provider's sites, the user logs into the RAS and the registration information as well as the passwords for the particular service providers are stored at the RAS (Figures 4-5).

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 2, 9 and 15 are objected to but would be allowable if written in independent form.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: means for receiving, from said computer of said product or service provider, information concerning said product or service provider and an icon of said product or service provider, and for storing said information concerning said product or service provider and the icon of the product or service provider in the storage device, and display processing means for displaying, on a display device, an image in which said icons of said product or service providers to which said customer has been registered as a member are located in a virtual town of said customer, together with the other limitations is not taught in the prior art of record.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-2, 8-9, 14-15 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

7. The drawings were received on 7/23/2004. These drawings are approved.

Point of contact

8. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

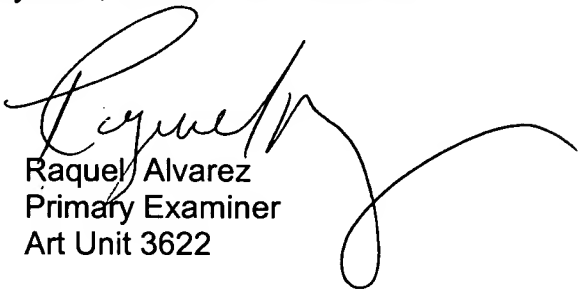
A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Point of contact

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Raquel Alvarez whose telephone number is (703)305-0456. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eric w Stamber can be reached on (703)305-8469. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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